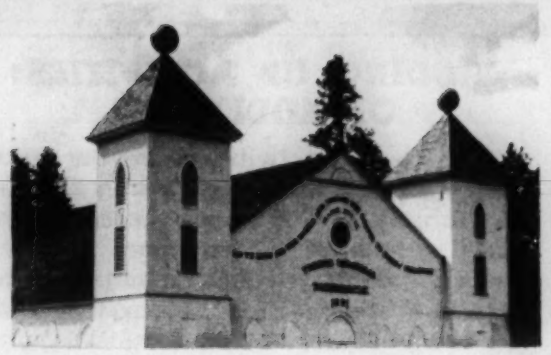

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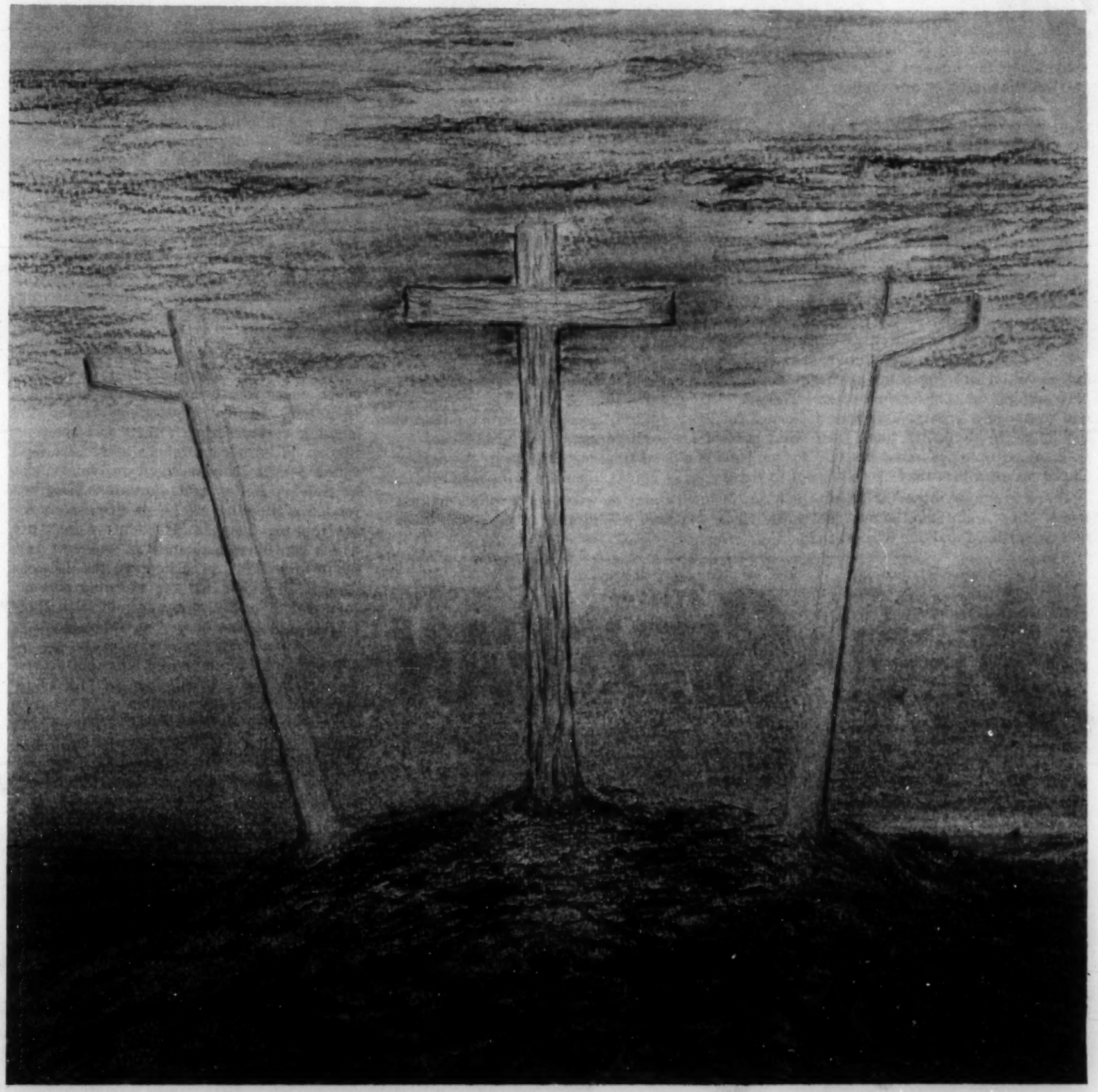

The EDITOR Speaks

RALPH C. NEILL

"Be Ye My Witness"

The Good Book has considerable to say about witnessing. In addition to specific references to this requirement of a Christian, the New Testament is filled with examples of persons who did just that continuously — witness.

This term and the actual practice of it most naturally mean different things to different people. Time was, when a verbal testimony, a "meetin'" or a rededication during a revival — both accomplished by some at the drop of a dime in the collection plate — completed one's witnessing commitment for another year. Nothing is wrong with either of these practices — they are quite honorable. But they are not enough.

To some people, the mere attendance at Sunday morning services is sufficient. To others, the amount of financial assistance they give to the Church is the goal, particularly when the amount is made public. Many attempt to witness to the preacher forgetting that most of our ministers are intelligent and can soon determine our capabilities — and short-comings. And, speaking of the minister, too many of us expect the minister to do our witnessing for us, even to the point of setting up double standards for the ministers and ourselves.

There are others who feel that Sunday School teachers and other church officials should be of special moral caliber. And well they should. But what about the rest of us? Are not we to be of like character? Are not we all to have a part in witnessing?

At this special time of the year, it is well to consider the areas in which we, as Christians, might witness. Of course any service we can render to, and through, our local church is one of the important areas. In most churches these days more people than ever before are being included in the church program and are gladly accepting and fulfilling responsibilities. Christians blossom under the load of responsibilities; they wither with inactivity. Most critics in any church can be found in the latter classification. So, through the church we witness.

Most of us, even though active, spend only a small part of our time in church-related duties. What are the other areas, then, in which our witness must be demonstrated? How about the home? How often have you older parents wished that your own home had provided a greater Christian influence for your children? Perhaps you have waited too long. On the other hand, just what sort of atmosphere exists in the home of we younger parents? It is not too late for us. Now is a good time to think about the sort of Christian examples that are being set in the homes of church members all over Oregon.

There are many other areas in which our influence may be exerted. Through making use of those mentioned above and those which you may readily call to mind, our lives will be enriched and our witness made more effective.

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ADDING UP ACTIVITIES OF ADDLEMAN

This report of activities covers the period from February 18 through March 22. Part of February 18 and 19 were spent in the office with an office conference and then a meeting with the pulpit committee of the Gladstone Church. From February 21 to 27 it was my privilege to attend the Disciples Day program at Berkeley, California and then remain over for the Pastoral Conference and Earl Lectures at Pacific School of Religion. This was a real treat indeed. On February 28 I preached at the Englewood Church in Portland in the morning and at the Sellwood Church at the evening services.

March 1-3 were spent in the office mainly with time out to attend a committee meeting of the Oregon Council of Churches, a meeting of the Oregon Council Church Planning Committee and a luncheon of the Portland Ministerial Fellowship. Attended a meeting of the State Board Executive Committee on March 4 and then went to Corvallis for a meeting of the Christian Student Foundation committee. March 5 was spent in a series of conferences in Eugene, Albany and McMinnville and then met with the pulpit committee of the Mallory Avenue Church. Met with the Disciples Student Fellowship Committee on March 6.

On March 7 I preached at Gladstone then drove to Wasco and shared in the dedication service for their remodeled building—then back to The Dalles and visited the evening service. March 8-10 was spent in the office with conferences and visitors as usual. March 11 was spent in conferences in Salem, Dallas and Corvallis. Also attended a meeting of the program committee for the Town and Country Institute which continued over most of the next day. On March 14 I preached at the Liberty Church in Salem for the morning service, then drove to Silverton and met with their pulpit committee and taught a class in their School of Missions.

I attended a meeting of the State Convention Program Committee in Eugene on March 15. The 16th and 17th were spent in the office with conferences. I visited the Turner Grounds on the 18th and visited at First Church in Salem en route. March 19 was spent in the office and then I met with the State Youth Committee on Friday night and Saturday morning. March 21 was one of these busy days for I preached at Myrtle Creek for the morning service, attended a Fellowship dinner followed by a conference on State work, then went to Westside, Roseburg and met with the Trustees and Building Committee — then, believe it or not, another Fellowship dinner and met with the church board there and preached at the evening service. March 22 was spent resting, visiting and then brought a message to the Men's gorups of the two Roseburg Churches at an evening meeting.

STATE PROGRAM TO GO FORWARD

—By Donald A. Ross, Minister, First Christian Church, Hood River, and Recording Secretary, Oregon Christian Missionary Convention

My introduction to State Work in Oregon was the State Board Planning Retreat at Menucha, October 27-29, 1952, which I attended by special invitation of the State Board. The invitation went out to ministers and interested laymen across the state, an invitation which I was eager to accept, having been a minister in Oregon only five months at First Christian Church, Hood River.

The spirit I found at Menucha was an inspiration to my soul. In the State Board Planning Retreat sessions, there was a glow of warmth and radiance reflected in a unity of hearts dedicated to the Christian purpose of an expanded program in Oregon.

The Expanded Program seemed to be the only answer to long-felt needs for strengthening the leadership of our churches, and for building new churches in newly developing population centers of the state, as well as for renewed emphasis upon evangelism in every church.

It was understood by all that an expanded program would require extra money, which was a serious consideration in view of a budget deficit. However, the churches supporting State Work were asking for progress and it was felt that the churches would support an expanding program. Any other move than forward would have meant defeat. Thus, the vote was cast; and with the encouragement of the Rally of the Concerned at Court St. Church in Salem, what was believed to be the "call of God" was answered: a full-time Director of Christian Education and a Minister of Stewardship and Public Relations were authorized to be added to the State Work staff, and the goal was set for ten new churches to be started within the convenion year.

What happened to the high purposes we visioned at Menucha? Was it all a beautiful but unrealistic dream, or was it as we believed then a "call of God"? No, it was not just a dream. The "call of God" was real enough. The failures, (if such they are) are our own, but partial success is not failure. Any business that triples its income in less than two years is certainly not a failure. Our problem is that the expanded program called for even more. We have just not reached the fulfillment of our high purpose; and it has become necessary to curtail expenditures for a while until our financial support catches up with the work already begun.

A special called meeting of the State Board March 24, 1954, at the Court St. Church in Salem, revealed some of the reasons for our partial failure in the expanded program. Some people lack faith in the State Work program, some lack faith in each other; and there is insufficient personal consecration to kingdom building.

Donald A. Ross

Our State Secretary has been under suspicion and attack for a long time, accused of many things which, according to deliberation of the State Board, could not be proven. Some who were already critical of him looked with alarm at his guest editorial published in the February issue of The Oregon Christian, and they demanded to know what policies he advocated changing.

The State Secretary was therefore given opportunity for "clarifying remarks concerning state policy" in the presence of the State Board and some of his critics. After prolonged debate, with a vast variety of opinions expressed, the State Board took the following action—as written in the minutes of the State Board meeting of March 24, 1954.

"It was moved by Kenneth Johnston that, the State Board ask Charley Addleman if he is willing to continue as State Secretary under the policy of past years of recognizing all groups and endeavoring to be fair to all groups that wish to cooperate in the State Work. The motion was seconded and carried."

"In answer to the question put to him, the State Secretary asked for clarification of the question: as to what is meant by the policy of past years and whether that policy would allow for progress; and if the question implied any failure on his part in the past to recognize and be fair to all groups, he desired to know wherein he had failed."

"After extensive discussion of the various phases involved in the questions and the State Secretary's answers, it was moved by John Boosinger that we accept the State Secretary's statements as indicative of his willingness to go along with the state policy in the future as in the past, and that we extend to him a vote of confidence; and that this action be publshed in the Oregon Christian. A secret ballot was called for, and the motion was carried by a vote, nine for and four against, with all board members present voting except the president."

The State Board of the Oregon Christian Missionary Convention is a truly democratic body. Its officers are elected by the State Convention at the annual session; and its Board of Directors is composed of representatives of every district of the state, elected by the district conventions. State Board members represent a wide variety of viewpoints held by our churches and people in Oregon. The State Work is governed by policies adopted by the board only after every viewpoint has been freely expressed and considered. While there are bound to be critics of any policy, yet we may well be assured that the adopted policy has the solid backing of a considerable majority of the leadership of our churches. Such a program deserves our most faithful cooperation and support. We are now engaged in the Expanding Program in Oregon. How fast its goals may be reached can be determined only by our faith in the program, expressed in loyalty to our leadership and in our financial support.

(Signed) Donald A. Ross

STATE CONVENTION PROGRAM PLANS BEING FORMULATED

Gene Robinson, minister of the La Grande First Church and chairman of the Program Committee for the Turner Convention to be held July 7-11, has announced that Lawrence W. Bash, minister of the University Christian Church, Austin, Texas has been selected as the principal speaker for this year's convention. The theme of the Convention will be "Lead On O King Eternal."

Loma Mae Jones, Director of Christian Education at Mallory Avenue Christian Church, Portland, will be in charge of the worship services throughout the Convention, and Truman Robbins, minister at Milton-Freewater will serve as the song leader.

Convention classes will follow a similar pattern established last year and will be developed by the State Christian Education Commission.

Missionary speakers will include Donald West, Executive Secretary, Department of India, Philippines and Thailand, United Christian Missionary Convention, and Barton L. McElroy, Direct-support missionary to the Philippines.

Two Oregon ministers will present Bible lectures two mornings during the Convention.

OREGON MINISTER ACCEPTS CALL TO NEBRASKA

Hubert Sias, minister at Mallory Avenue Christian Church, Portland, for the past seven and one-half years concluded his ministry there on April 18 and has accepted the pastorate of the First Christian Church in Beatrice, Nebraska.

During his ministry at Mallory more than 700 were added to the church membership. In March, 1949 after the church had met for 24 years in the commodious basement unit, a completed church building was dedicated. The replacement value of the entire building is conservatively estimated at $300,000.00. Both local and missionary budget have doubled. The present missions budget is $7500.00 and the total combined budgets equal $36,000.00. Active membership and attendance have increased 65%.

During Mr. Sias' ministry, five young people have gone into full time Christian work. The church staff has been doubled. At present the church has a full time director of Religious Education, a full time secretary, full time custodian and three part time musicians.

Mr. Sias' brotherhood activities include the following: President Oregon Christian Missionary Convention, 1947-52; for several years a member of the Recommendations Committee, International Convention Disciples of Christ; has represented Oregon twice at biennial meetings of the Home and State Missions Council at St. Louis, Missouri; and served as Pacific Northwest registrar for the 1953 International Convention at Portland—4,690 adults were registered from these states.

Mr. Sias has been a member of the Board of Managers of the Portland Council of Churches for six years and of the Board of the Oregon Council of Churches for two years. At present he is chairman of the nominating committee of the Oregon Council of Churches. In 1953 he was Knighted by the Junior Rose Court of Portland.

Mr. Sias received his Bachelor of Theology and Bachelor of Oratory degrees from Northwest Christian College in 1935 and his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Butler University in 1943.

Mr. Sias succeeds Wayne Greene who had served the Beatrice Church for 12 years prior to coming to Salem First Church.

Editor's note: The Oregon Christian Missionary Convention loses a faithful and valued leader; the state of Nebraska is fortunate in gaining one. While we regret losing Hubert, we rejoice with the Beatrice church in their wise selection.

Hubert E. Sias

TURNER RESERVATIONS

Persons wishing accommodations for the State Convention at Turner, July 7-11, should make their reservations early. Centennial Lodge is beginning to fill up already. Reservations may be made by writing the State Office, 512 Panama Building, Portland 4, Oregon.

So Many Crosses

There are so many crosses to be born
By all who travel down along life's way;
There are so many homes and anxious hearts torn,
By war and havoc wrought day after day.

Yet each one bears his own tremendous burden
In light of how he asks the help of God . . .
To lift his load when comes the setting sun,
And night and slumber hide the path he's trod.

Then as his load seems more than he can stand,
And faith and hope seem shattered . . . pathway dim;
He must remember to reach up his hand,
And grasp God's hand that reaches down to him.

If only we would let Christ share our crosses,
And willingly submit our lives to Him;
How differently we'd then accept our losses,
And thank Him for His sharing all man's sin.

Let's not forget that as He met His Calvary,
He asked His Heavenly Father to be near. .
And give Him strength sufficient for his agony,
God answered———and He met it without fear!

———Oma Lou Myers, Portland

MISSIONARY SPEAKER FOR SPRING CONVENTION CHANGED

Mr. Fay E. Livengood, former missionary to India, under the United Christian Missionary Society, will be the missionary speaker for the Spring District Conventions instead of Miss Wenona Wilkinson as announced in the last issue of The Oregon Christian. Due to illness, Miss Wilkinson will not appear.

Mr. Livengood and his wife were appointed missionaries to India in 1917. In India Mr. Livengood has carried various responsibilities in the mission — teacher in the Christian Bible College in Jabalpur, head of the boys' boarding and industrial school at Damoh and evangelistic worker at Damoh and other stations. He was an outstanding leader in Boy Scout work and was District Scout Commissioner for a number of years. For the past thirteen years he has been superintendent of our Mission Press at Jabalpur and editor of the Hindi weekly Christian paper, "Sahayak Patrika," which is published under the auspices of the Mid-India Christian Council. He was also chairman of the Christian Literature Committee for Mid-India and Hindi Superintendent on the Missionary Language Examining Board for new missionaries.

Because of his rich experiences Mr. Livengood will render a valuable service to churches in the States.

Dates of the Spring District Conventions, with the exception of Central Oregon District, is as follows:

May 1 — Springfield, afternoon and eve.
May 3 — Lebanon, afternoon and evening.
May 5 — Grants Pass, (time to be set)
May 6 — Roseburg First, (time to be set)
May 7 — Coos Bay Area, all day
May 10-12 — Wallowa, Eastern Oregon Convention
May 14 — Forest Grove, all day
May 16 — The Dalles, afternoon and eve.

Plan to attend the meeting nearest you.

COVER PAGE

The art drawing on the cover of this issue of The Oregon Christian is the work of one of our Oregon amateur artists, Mr. W. A. Elkins, 691 Manbrin Drive, Salem. Mr. Elkins is a retired Christian Church minister, having spent 50 years in the preaching ministry. Since his retirement, he utilized his spare time in putting his impressions of religious scenes and characters on paper. Included in his output are several busts of Christ. Mr. and Mrs. Elkins have been in Salem for the past ten years and are members of First Church there.

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NEWS AND PICTURE
DEADLINE

NINETY AND NINE MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

—By Ed Dewees

Perfect spring weather helped to bring out a roll call attendance of 204 men at the Northwest District bi-monthly rally at Beaverton on March 22. Alger Fitch, Jr., minister of the Milwaukee church brought a searching message on a need for prayer in the lives of individual Christians, in congregations and in our Ninety and Nine Brotherhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ferrin and son, Bobby, of Salem provided a varied instrumental musical concert preceding the sermon. Mr. Ferrin led the singing as well. Floyd Shaw, district president, conducted the business meeting with dispatch. It was agreed to make the annual father-son rally in May a double feature by inviting daughters as well. The Forest Grove Church will be host for the meeting on May 24. The April youth rally was announced and will be held in the First Christian Church in Vancouver, Washington.

Millenium Minute Men envelopes and records of local membership were distributed to the churches represented in the rally in keeping with the suggestion of the state executive committee that the men at the local group level assume the responsibility for collecting the offerings for the new church buildings and of keeping their own record of the gifts. The offerings should be then forwarded to state treasurer Olaf Q. Paulson, Jr., 126 So. Center St., Silverton or through the district treasurer if desired.

Tom Courtney, host pastor, served as program chairman and is to be commended on the planning which brought the meeting to a close promptly at 9:00 p.m. (In passing, all district meetings which your reporter has attended recently have been "on the ball" in this regard. Let's keep it up!)

The South Willamette District rally at Corvallis on March 22 drew more than 100 men and again the good weather helped to overcome the effects of the flood waters in November and the snowstorm in January which had hampered the two previous meetings. Wayne Greene, new minister of First Church, Salem, was the guest speaker and held the interest of the men as he talked of his visit to the Philippine Islands, Japan, India, and the World Convention of Christian Churches in Melbourne, Australia. He brought a display of various interesting items from these countries.

Everett Cecil, director of Christian House at Corvallis, led the singing and Bob Roberts brought a vocal solo. J. E. Estep presided over the business meeting in which the invitation of the Halsey church was accepted for the entertainment of the May 24 rally. The Newport delegation was given recognition for having come the greatest distance to attend the rally.

On March 13 and 14 the men of the Douglas, Myrtle and Crater Lake districts gathered at Myrtle Creek for a Southern Area rally and business meeting, beginning with classes and a devotional service at 10:00 a.m. on the 13th. Newell Morgan, Walter Lantz and Elmer Newton led discussions with Newell bringing a message later. Following luncheon served by the ladies, the meeting convened again for business with special emphasis on support of the Fir Point boys' and girls' camps. Another round of discussion groups was held on different phases of the men's work. A banquet was held in the evening with a message on the effects of the camps given by Victor Hershiser of Eugene. The N.C.C. quartet brought several numbers there as well as on the program through the day. In the final session Professor Lawrence Bixler of N.C.C. brought the sermon.

The Blue Mountain District met at Heppner on March 15 to hold the rally which had been postponed in January because of winter weather. The Yamhill District rally was held at Willamina that same night with 66 men in attendance. Bob Mulkey, minister of the Dayton church and a former boys' camper from the Kern Park church in Portland, preached an outstanding sermon on Elijah, great hero of the Old Testament. Bob brought a fresh vision to every man present of the great work to be done through the camps, the building of new churches and the winning of men and women and young people to Christ.

A special notice is hereby given concerning the Green Point combined boys' camp and girls' camp in the Mid-Columbia District. A conflict on available dates indicates that another camp ground may have to be secured for the 1954 camp. If so, word will be given to the churches concerned on the arrangements for the camp. Other dates and places as published in last month's issue still hold good.

STAFF MEMBER RESIGNS

Newell Morgan, State Director of Stewardship and Public Relations for the past year and one-half has resigned from this position and will terminate his work sometime before the close of the fiscal year. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan are booked with Stewardship meetings through May, following which they will be going into located work.

OREGON CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

—By Edna L. Burke

Mr. James, Sugioka, director of maintenance and repairs for the United Society's division of Home Missions, arrived at the Yakima Christian Indian Mission at White Swan, Washington, early in March to help start work on the new Indian church. Logs for the new church are now seasoning on the mission grounds. Malcolm Norment, director of the Mission, reports that the new church will contain a number of materials native to the reservation and some of the Indian crafts will be worked into furnishings by the members of the congregation. It is the hope of the Mission workers to make this church a real Indian church, manned by Christian Indians serving as elders, deacons and deaconesses carrying on the program of the church. It will take time and hard work and our support. We have not had an Indian church at the Mission. One room in the administration building has served through the years as church, Christian Endeavor room, Bible School room and worship center. All who have become Christians under the teaching and guidance of the Mission are members of the Yakima First Church. The church is being erected on mission property; it will become a center for gatherings of Indians on the Yakima reservation, thus helping to bridge the gap which now exists between the Mission and the homes. This project is a part of Capital for Kingdom Building; it is being shared by Oregon, Washington and Idaho churches.

Miss Ruth Laura Peterson, a former student at Northwest Christian College, member of the Allison Park church, Eugene, was commissioned in January 27 in the Missions Building, Indianapolis and has been appointed to go to Africa. She will engage in administration and evengelistic work in the Belgian Congo. After a few months of study in Belgium, as required by the government, she expects to proceed to Congo and begin her new work there next summer. Thus Oregon will have another representative in the heart of that great country where our church has grown to have membership of 87,000 in a little more than fifty years. What a worthwhile investment.

Plans are in the making for a series of district conventions to be held May 1-16 inclusive. The schedule of dates is as follows: May 1—Springfield, afternoon and evening; May 3—Lebanon, afternoon and evening, May 5—Grants Pass (time not established at this writing); May 6—Roseburg First, (time not established); May 7—Coos Bay area, all day; May 10-12—Wallowa, Eastern Oregon Convention; May 14—Forest Grove, all day; and May 16—The Dalles, afternoon and evening.

There will be conference time for the women from one to two hours in length. New materials, plans and other things of interest will be discussed. Mr. Fay E. Livengood, the missionary speaker, will speak for 20 minutes during the period. All women of the districts are urged to attend.

NEWS OF THE CHRISTIAN HOUSES

—By Mrs. Clarence Elliott

New officers for the Eugene Christian Student House were elected in a two-days polling with the following results:

President—Lyle Spears, Chehalis, Washington. Lyle is a sophomore in Architecture at the University of Oregon and take some work at N.C.C.

Vice-president—Dorothy Iler, Pendleton, major in Journalism, and Joan Wilson, Mosier, pre-nursing student at the University and also student at N.C.C.

Recording secretary—Shirley Goff, Forest Grove, who is a freshman at N.C.C.

Corresponding secretary—Kammy Chun, Honolulu, Junior in social science at the University.

Treasurer—Roger Weaver, Salem, freshman in liberal arts at the University

Editor of Duck Call—June Fulco, Grants Pass, sophomore in music at the University

Historian—Rosalind Lowrance, Eugene, junior in Home Economics at the University

Executive Advisor—Bob Randall, Billings, Montana, who is a junior at the University and will graduate this spring from N.C.C.

The installation service for these and for the appointive committee heads was held on April 11 as part of the fifth anniversary celebration of the founding of the Eugene Christian House.

During April, all churches in the Eugene area are cordially invited to visit the Eugene House in groups or as individuals. The Birthday "party" will be throughout the afternoon and evening of Sunday, April 28, when students will present programs and there will be tours of the House and exhibits, with (of course) refreshments. Youth groups, church boards, women's fellowships, Ninety and Nine Men, everyone is invited. Don't miss this opportunity to see what actually goes into our program of student work—our churches' ministry to students while they are away from home.

The fourth annnual Regional DSF (Disciples Student Fellowship) Conference at Menucha, April 2-4, will have been held before this issue reaches its readers. Mr. Gary Demarest, Calvin Club leader, Seattle, is to bring the inspirational messages. Swapshops in which students from the many campuses of the Northwest may exchange workable ideas to improve their ministry to students will be led by adult student workers and by students of the area.

The Eugene students are carrying their Christian witness onto the University campus in a big way with our outgoing president, Bob Randall, having just been unanimously elected president of the University Religious Council for next year, and Bob Adams, Idaho, vice-president. Dorothy Iler has been chosen to head the joint campus-

James Morris

town Easter Sunrise service.

At the recent meeting in Corvallis of the Oregon Christian Student Foundation, Mr James Morris, director of KOAC, state-owned radio station at Corvallis, was elected president, and Mr. W. A. Mortenson, Portland, vice-president. Mr. Morris' background in this Christian House program dates to the purchase of the house in Corvallis. He was chairman of the church board at the time it moved to buy the house at 2305 Monroe and has been a member of the Commission which operates the house for the Corvallis Christian Church since that purchase. He was appointed to the Oregon Christian Student Foundation two years ago as the representative of the Corvallis Christian House Commission.

FAMILY CAMP

Plans are under way for a week-end Family Camp to be held September 3-6 at Twin Rocks Camp. A more complete announcement will be made next month concerning faculty and costs. It is believed at this time that our National Family Life Director will be with us and also other professional people from the field of Family Relations.

Keep this date open and plan **early** to attend with the whole family.

It is unfortunate that Providence didn't think to give us our neighbor's children, since these are the only ones we know how to raise.

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MAINTAINS HEAVY SCHEDULE

—By Walter Lantz

A glance at my March doings: Month started with my train trip back from Staff meeting in Indiana. Met with Garden Road teachers the afternoon of the 7th, the youth group that evening and brought the evening message at church. Spoke on a panel at Kern Park Monday, March 8, for Camp Fire Girls Horizon Club. Held a short class on Educational Procedure at the 90 & 9 Men's District Convention at Myrtle Creek Saturday, March 13.

Preached early service at Englewood Sunday, March 14, and observed at their Primary hour which came during their regular church service. Spoke at Teacher Installation Service for combined staffs of First and Valley Church, Hood River, that evening. Held school at Hood River March 15-18. About 25 attended from 1st Church, Valley Church and St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Hood River. Atended two-day planning session with the State Youth Executive Committee getting ready for State Youth Commission, March 19-20.

Held a training school in Heppner March 22-24. Loma Mae Jones and I worked together. Good attendance from Christian Church and a representative group from the Episcopal church and from the Christian church at Lexington. Spoke for Interdenominational services March 24 - combined meeting of Christian, Episcopal, Methodist and Assembly of God churches. Also spoke to Episcopal church teaching staff at their monthly meeting on afternoon of 24th.

Spoke to Teachers group at Englewood March 25 and to teachers' group at Gresham, March 26. Attended observation school at Dallas, March 27-28. Served as resource person in adult group. Spent March 29-31 in office getting ready for Observation School at Burns to begin April 2.

CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

The Resolutions Committee for the annual State Convention at Turner again reminds all that resolutions to be presented at the Convention are to be in the hands of the committee not later than June 1, 1954. The committee also announces that only signed resolutions will be considered.

Ward Rice, N.C.C., Eugene, is chairman of the committee. Other members are Elery Parrish, McMinnville and Aldis Webb, Tillamook. Resolutions should be presented to Mr. Rice, Northwest Christian College, Eugene.

The great secret of social alchemy is to get the best of everything out of each stage of our life, to gather all its leaves in spring, all its flowers in summer, and all its fruits in autumn.

Ronald Osborn

OSBORNS TO SWITZERLAND

The School of Religion of Butler University is granting a one-year leave with salary to Professor Ronald E. Osborn, head of the Department of Church History, beginning September, 1954, to serve on the staff of the Graduate School of Ecumenical Studies at the Ecumenical Institute of the World Council of Churches. The Institute is situated at Celigny, near Geneva, Switzerland.

Prof. Osborn will have special responsibility for various aspects of the Graduate School, including seminars, student counseling, lectures on the American churches, and will participate with the staff in other activities and responsibilities of the Institute.

Prof. Osborn goes to the graduate school with considerable ecumenical experience, having participated in conferences of the North American Christian Youth Council, the Interseminary Movement and University Missions. Professor Osborn spent two years as a student in Scotland. He has been active in the American Churches' "Conference on Church Union." In 1952 he was appointed by the Disciples of Christ as delegate to the Faith and Order Conference of the World Council of Churches held at Lund, Sweden. He has been executive and editorial secretary of the Committee on Faith and Order of the Association for the Promotion of Christian Unity.

While in Europe, Prof. Osborn will continue as editorial and executive secretary of the Faith and Order Committee, and will represent the Association there.

During the summer, Prof. Osborn will be working with the staff of the World Council of Churches in preparations for, and interpretation at the Second World Assembly of the World Council of Churches at Evanston, Ill.

Prof. Osborn taught at Northwest Christian College, Eugene, Oregon, from 1948 to 1950. From there he came to the School of Religion where he is now head of the Department of Church History.

Prof. Osborn's appointment to Europe was arranged by Dr. James A. Crain of the Department of Social Welfare, United Christian Missionary Society, acting for the Week of Compassion.

Mrs. Osborn and their daughter Virginia will accompany Prof. Osborn.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 1954 CALENDAR

APRIL
2 -4 Northwest DSF Conference, Menucha
9 -10 State Youth Planning Commission, Menucha
29- State C.E. Convention, Klamath Falls, (through May 2)

MAY
2 - N.C.C. Day
1 -15 District Conventions the first two weeks in May

JUNE
6 - 8 N.C.C. Commencement Week

JULY
7-11 State Convention, Turner
13-16 CWF State Board planning retreat Lewis and Clark College Campus.

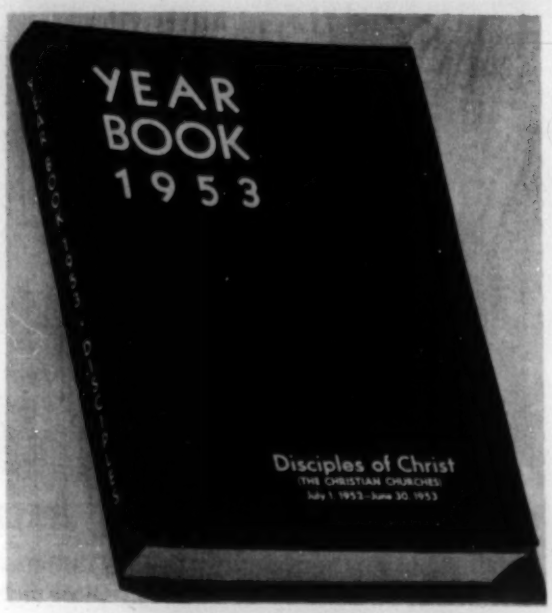
AUGUST
30- State Board Planning Retreat, (through September 1)

SEPTEMBER
13- N.C.C. fall term begins

OCTOBER
Church Visitation will likely be held the first two weeks
Church Life Institute in Portland about the middle of the month
State 90 & 9 Convention either the third or fourth week-end
26-31 International Convention at Miami

NOVEMBER
School for Leaders of Youth, Eugene, exact time to be set later
26-27 Christian Youth Fellowship Meets

DECEMBER
3 -4 Christian Youth Fellowship Meets



1953 YEAR BOOK FACTS

A few interesting facts from the 1953 Year Book reveal that 94 Oregon churches reported 2,958 added by baptism and 2,538 added otherwise, or a total of 5,496 reported additions. The total membership as reported is now 35,536 and 30,280 enrolled in our Bible Schools. Churches reporting their financial giving to causes excluding their local giving, gave a per capita of $6.76. The highest per capita giving reported is $40.46 and the lowest is .02. Thirty five reporting churches gave less than $1.00 per capita, 59 gave between $1.00 and $5.00 per capita, 40 gave between $5.00 and $10.00 per capita and 9 gave between $15.-00 and $40.46.

You will find a study of the Year Book very interesting. Every congregation should have one for study for it reveals much information our people should know. They may be obtained from the state office at $2.00 per copy plus postage. If your church has many blank lines after its name, just remember the book is compiled according to the report your church sent in—or failed to send. It is suggested that you keep each month's record up to date and it will be an easy matter to fill out the report blank when it is mailed to the pastor in June.

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CHILDREN'S PARTY HELD AT NEWPORT CHURCH

Nineteen mothers and forty-four children, all members of the pre-school departments of the Newport Christian Church Bible School, are shown above. The picture was taken at a Valentine party given by Mrs. Ray Reaves and Mrs. Richard Durham, teachers. Standing at the extreme right are Ray Smith, minister, and Mrs. Smith. Attendance for February in the entire school averaged over 155. Al Perry is Superintendant.

OUR NORTH BEND CHURCH MINISTER, CLYDE BLAKLEY AND FAMILY are pictured above. Left to right: Mrs. Blakley, daughter Lois, son Dick and Mr. Blakley. In the background are two members of the congregation, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Dennis.

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Chi Rho Camp	August 1-7	Cost: $12.50

DIRECT-SUPPORT MISSIONS

—By Rozelle Henry

At the southernmost tip of Japan, in Kagoshima prefecture of Kyushu, the Mark Maxeys have established nine churches with approximately 300 Christians. On the west peninsula Mrs. Isabel Dittemore has led in establishing four churches with 100 members meeting regularly. A recent report from Mark Maxey tells of their trip in January to visit the island of Tanegashima. Four baptisms took place during a rain and wind storm following the Sunday service. The Maxeys are assisting the new churches in obtaining suitable buildings. With the use of an electric hand saw and special stapler for fastening the plywood frames, a Japanese carpenter has become efficient in the construction work. A church building was dedicated December 20 at Tarunizu, which cost $422.17. These missionaries hope to have a new building (cost $500.00 each) erected every three months. Mark writes: "We hope to make this year one of evangelism and church planting . . . There are eight Kyushu young people in Bible College. The tuition of three of these is sponsored at $15.00 a month. Isabel Dittemore is laboring valiantly in Kagoshima on a minimum budget."

In reviewing our direct support work in Japan, we find the Missionary Handbook lists 18 families and six single persons serving this country. Oregon churches are well acquainted with at least half of these missionaries. Five of them are former Oregonians, who attended Northwest Christian College, or Eugene Bible College: Miss Grace Farnham, Miss Vivian Lemon, Miss Jane Kinnett, Julius Fleener and Martin Clark.

An interesting report from Donald and Fay Rickerson of Miyako Christian Mission came by air mail: "We hold services every night in the week, and on Sunday Mr. Rickerson has a teacher training class at 8:45; preaching in Hirara City at 10:00; services at the Air Base at 12:00; at the Leper Colony at 3:00 p.m.; and in Hirara City again at 8:00 p.m. . . . We need a church building so we can have more classes. Fifty at a time is about all we can handle now. We could have a thousand instead of 100 children weekly if we just had the room. The Christians here have purchased the property for the church, but must have assistance from Christians in America before they can build." Offerings for the Rickersons work should be sent to their forwarding secretary: Mrs. Warham Cox, 1709 West 71st St., Los Angeles 47, Calif.

Another recruit preparing to go this year to the Thailand field is Wallace E. Altice, now taking special medical study at Platte Valley Bible College. He is the living-link missionary of his home church at West Salem, Va. The Don Byers family left by plane on March 3 for Bangkok, and the C. W. Callaways sailed from San Francisco on March 17 to return to Thailand.

The 1954 MISSIONARY HANDBOOK index lists 214 missionary families or individual workers (if single persons), totalling above 300 workers in 19 countries outside the U.S. at the present time. The 1954 issue is enlarged to 44 pages and includes maps, illustrations and some pictures. Order the Handbook and News Supplements $1.00) from: Henry Printing Co., 175 E. 15th Ave., Eugene, Oregon.

CHURCHES AND FAMILIES WILL OBSERVE FAMILY WEEK, MAY 2 - 9

Christian Family Week this year is set for May 2-9 and will emphasize the theme "A Troubled World Needs Christian Families". Special observances will be held by local congregations among the Disciples of Christ, and many families expect to give special attention to their own family life at this time.

To encourage local church and family interest in Christian home life, The United Christian Missionary Society promotes Family Week throughout the brotherhood. At the same time, the National Council of Churches, various denominations, and other interchurch councils also give this observance nation wide significance.

Promotional and program materials for local church use are available through the United Society at 222 South Downey Avenue, Indianapolis 7, Indiana.

The home is acknowledged to be one of thre primary factors determining character. For this reason, Christian communions established National Family Week as an aid to strengthening family ties and creating community awareness of the importance of the home.

The Grayson Ensigns report they have secured their living-link support and plan to leave Miami, Florida on April 20 for Jamaica. Mr. Ensign has been a faculty member at Cincinnati Bible Seminary for several years and goes to the mission field well equipped by his experience and education to assist in the Jamaica Bible Seminary. Five graduates from the Seminary last October are reported to be active workers now.

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COQUILLE: School of Stewardship highly successful with more than 70 tithers registered. Many new tithers among them. Over 100 enrolled in first annual School of Missions. Loan approved by Board of Church Extension and building progressing rapidly. Church School average attendance tended. Church Board recently voted to of 230. Both morning services now well atsupport Oregon Council of Churches both financially and actively. 5 additions since last report. Walter Naff, minister. **HOOD RIVER:** Walter Lantz was guest of First Christian and Valley Christian churches in 4 days of Leadership Training Classes, March 15 through 18, with 23 teachers and leaders present each night, including visitors from other churches. The Leadership Training classes were preceded by a consecration service at Valley Christian Church for the leaders of both churches and the showing of the film, "For Every Child, a Faith in God." Donald A. Ross, pastor.

FLORENCE: Held four day youth meeting March 25. Robert Smythe of NCC and Shirley Knox, also of NCC, led in preaching and song leading. Program was in charge of youth as their evangelistic meeting. 10 added by baptism, 2 otherwise. Wayne Osborne, minister. **SUTHERLIN:** Held School of Christian Living March 14 to 19 and it was a very great success. Teacher training course led by Anna Rose Morgan was well attended and the teachers and all who attended were helped very much. The preaching service which followed the teacher training course was also an inspiration. Attendance ran from 50 to 70 each evening.

McMINNVILLE: Week of Compassion offering for foreign relief totaled $440.00. Lester Jones, pastor of the Albany Christian Church, to hold two weeks of pre- Easter evangelistic services beginning April 4 and concluding on Good Friday, April 16. Bible School in attendance contest with Bible School at Dallas. Increased attendance is proving the worthwhileness of this contest. Elery A. Parrish, minister.

ST. HELENS: New monthly average for February of 208 in Bible School. C.W.F. put on World Day of Prayer playlet at Congregational Church. Brotherhood sound-movie "Where the Book Speaks" shown March 7 followed by reception for choir director, Harold Rowe. Ed Eldridge and N.C.C. Quartet were with us for morning service March 7. CWF had 8 representatives at Portland Area Missionary Federation at Hillsboro, March 19. Home visitation evangelism from April 4-18. R. L. Putnam, minister. **MEDFORD - CENTRAL:** At the suggestion of Brother Tan Ditter, the revival which was to have started on April 4 with them as evangelists has been postponed to a better time. Mr. Tan Ditter has just gone to a new location in North Hollywood, California where his work among the Jewish people is very successful. 1 added by baptism, 1 otherwise. E. J. Gilstrap, minister.

PORTLAND - SELLWOOD: Preliminary plans are being made looking forward in the future toward a new site and building. All suggestions in this area welcome. Had our first "Workers' Conference" which was successful. Spiritual growth is noticeable. Robert Clevinger, pastor. **WINSTON:** Contest that was begun Feb. 7 with the Westside Church in Roseburg has been highly successful. Attendance has almost reached the high goal we had set. Goal set for 200 in Bible School by Easter. Had 190 for Bible School on March 21. Church attendance is also on the increase. March 15-19 the teachers of the church school attended a teacher training course at Sutherlin, Oregon. Planning a meeting with B. Ross Evans for this fall. Marlin Love, minister.

ROSEBURG - WESTSIDE: Membership continues to grow - has now reached 92. High Bible School attendance with 169. In Bible School contest with Winston. Yearly budget adopted. Making effort to pay on property indebtedness. Visitation goal set for 43 additions on Easter Sunday. Week of meetings to follow decision day. Harry Chapin, minister. **FOREST GROVE:** Host to the Community World Day of Prayer service on March 5. Church Night Dinner for March was a "Salmon Dinner" for the Mission at White Swan. Dean Wolfe of the Mission Staff was guest speaker and also showed some pictures of the work at the Mission. Goal of $200.00 has been set by the Missions Committee to help build the new Church at White Swan. CWF host on March 25 to Council of Church Women's Study group. On March 28 the new Baldwin Organ was dedicated at the evening service. Mrs. Willard Blything played the Dedicatory Recital. CYF now regularly plan and conduct the Worship Service for the Evening Church Hour. An oil painting of a river scene has been installed in the baptistery. Mrs. Mildred Cedargreen Hopper was the artist. 4 added by statement. John Boosinger, minister. **SPRINGFIELD:** Took part in local "Foreign Student Day" Feb. 28. Our guest, Miss Agnes Weitz, an exchange student from Germany, attending U. of O. Edward Sawyer was host representing our church at the union coffee hour service. We took part in the World Day of Prayer service at Springfield Christian Church and in the Lane County Convention at Coburg. Recently donated washbowls and doors have been installed in church. Two high school boys painted inside sanctuary. Pastor, Kenneth Smith, has started plans for DVBS. Evangelist Arlo E. Bristow, holding meetings April 4-18. 3 added by statement.

JUNCTION CITY: March was cultivation month for the church. Also had a school of missions during the month stressing missions in the morning and evening service. Newell Morgan, representing the state work, guest on March 14. Minister I. M. Nelson attended class on Church Archi-

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tecture at N.C.C. Attendance has warranted the purchase of more song books for church services. **MONMOUTH:** Concluded meetings with Harry Atkins, Evangelist, and Mrs. Alley, Music Director. Good interest, fine attendance. Bible School making continual growth. Grace Farnham spoke on "Missions Nite" March 21. 4 added by baptism, 1 otherwise. Lynton Elwell, minister.

HILLSBORO: Additions every Sunday since Jan. 3 except March 14 totaling 11 added by baptism, 3 otherwise. Moved into new church, 6th & Edison, April 11. Dedication to be May 16. Ivan Correll, minister. **GRANTS PASS:** School of Missions which met for six successive Sunday nights closed first Sunday in March with fair success. Church School attendance average was 297 for the first 12 Sundays of 1954. New hymn books, The Service Hymnal, recently purchased, dedicated and put into service. Pastor, R. M. Beard, is having opportunity with other ministers of Rogue Valley to present devotions over KBES-TV.

CEDAR HILLS: Nelson E. Cole began his ministry here on March 1. Regular date for the business meeting has been set aside on first Wednesday of each month. Three individuals beside the minister and wife and daughter have been added to the charter membership list. Interest and enthusiasm high. Calling teams organized and a night set aside each week for this purpose. Fred Michel of Indianapolis counselled with the group with possibility of receiving aid from national office in the work here.

PORTLAND - KERN PARK: 44 representative leaders of the church met at Menucha Feb. 19-20 in the first all church planning conference for Kern Park. 70 Kern Park youth attended 2 day outing at Winema. Average church school attendance for recent 4 Sundays - 520. Planning pre-Easter meeting with Professor Bixler and team from N.C.C. 7 added by baptism, 7 otherwise. Kenneth Johnston, minister.

BAKER: Just finished Teacher Training Course. Nine two-hour sessions, 32 enrolled, 24 will receive certificates for first year course from Standard Pub. Company, "New Training for Service" by C. J. Sharp. Helen Jewett, teacher. Youth are meeting each Sunday evening after church for "Afterglow" service at parsonage. Young people are going to sponsor an Easter Sunrise service for whole church with breakfast following, also the annual graduation banquet for those graduating from Jr. High and High School, in May. Ruby Grafft is new Primary Department Superintendant. Attendance averaging above last year. Joe Jewett, minister. **ENTERPRISE:** Since January our attendance in Bible School has averaged over 130. Feb. 14 attendance of 146 and Mar. 26 attendance of 143. Have spent nearly $2000.00 on auditorium improvements in the last six months. 8 added by baptism. Robert L. John, minister.

MILTON-FREEWATER: Record attendance at "School of Christian Living" — March 21-28 with Newell Morgan bringing a challenging message each evening. Bible School and Church services are increasing in attendance. Male quartet of N.C.C. presented a beautiful concert on March 20. Merlin Moon from this church is one of the members of the quartet. Large group of young people planning to attend state C.E. Convention at Klamath Falls. 6 added by baptism, 2 otherwise. Truman Robbins, minister.

SALEM - FIRST: Giving attention to a special program of "Seven Great Sundays" leading up to Easter. The special emphases of the morning service are evangelistic and thus far there have been 12 additions to the church - 7 by baptism, 5 otherwise. At the evening services the pastor, Wayne Greene, is sharing in colored pictures and word, his recent trip around the world and visit of mission work of our Church in many lands. **EUGENE - FAIRMOUNT:** Basketball teams were hosts at a banquet on March 12 for the other teams who played in the Christian Church league. Plans for the formation of a softball league were made. The NCC quartet furnished the special music and Herman Johnson brought the message. Neil Knepper was in charge of the arrangements. 52 boys were present. Edna Hadley, McKinley Indian Mission, was guest speaker on March 21 at the evening church service. Received offering of $98.87. Cornerstone for new building was laid March 21. Dr. Victor P. Morris, whose Father was first minister at Fairmount, was the prinicpal speaker. 2 added by statement. Leo Woodruff, minister.

COBURG: Host to Lane County Christian Convention on March 14 with over 200 people present from county. Pre-Easter services to be held by pastor on theme "Christ Speaks from Calvary." 1 added by baptism.F. Betzer, pastor. **NEWPORT:** Have started a "Children's Church" in connection with morning worship. Asphalt tile laid on basement floor. Missionary society revived under direction of Mrs. Helen Smith. Church has adopted missionary budget based on a tithe of regular church offerings. Bible reading campaign between Easter and Pentecost. 4 added by baptism, 1 otherwise. Ray Smith, pastor.

MILWAUKIE: Growth in attendance is recorded each Sunday in both S.S. and church services. On March 14 there were 236 in classes and 345 at the Worship Hour. Classes for teacher instruction on Stewardship began March 29 — theme "Asking the Bible About Stewardship." Alger Fitch, minister, will teach each Mon. evening on the subject for the following Sunday S.S. study. 1 added by baptism. Mrs. A. B. Walters, reporter.

NORTH BEND: Foundation going in for new church. Pastor, Clyde Blakley, and family, moved into parsonage next to new church site. Financial aid to new Reedsport Christian promised for at least 3 months. Minister and family attended Northwest Missionary Conference in Portland and also the missionary conference in Eugene. Pastor and family were honored with surprise reception on second anniversary of their call to serve here. 5 added by statement. Mrs. Charles Dennis, reporter. **SALEM - LIBERTY:** February was finest month in S.S. attendance with 152 average. Church attendance has been well over 100 each Sunday. Home Builders Class entertained the District "99" men with a fine dinner. Exactly 99 men were present. February was also our "Stewadship Emphasis" month and a very successful program was carried out through the church committee on Stewardship and Finance, Fred Robertson, chairman. 2 added by baptism, 1 otherwise. Wayne Bryant, pastor.

TILLAMOOK: School of Missions conducted for 6 weeks with average attendance of 119 plus. Grace Farnham of Tokyo speaking at closing session. Arlo Bristow to conduct evangelistic meeting April 25. Forty now in young peoples class. 3 adult classes thriving and cradle roll crowding out of their new room. Ed Eldridge of N.C.C. speaker for Week of Compassion. 70 voices training for Easter cantata. Had atendance of 431 in S.S. March 14. 3 added by baptism, 4 otherwise. Aldis Webb, minister. **MADRAS:** Royal Gardner and family moved on the field full time March 18. Bible School average for February was 127 . . . a sizeable increase over January. 1 added by baptism.

SISTERS: Meeting closed with Larry Baird with 9 added by baptism, 1 otherwise. Bible School and church attendance keeping up well. T. H. Baker, minister.

JOHN DAY: This is the first report from the new church at John Day. Held first service Feb. 14 with 15 in attendance and on March 14 attendance was 24. Will organize elders and deacons when attendance increases. Women organized on March 14 and are functioning well. We are grateful to the Baker church for the song books and Communion set which they graciously loaned us. Are meeting in the Legion Hall which we are renting for Sunday mornings. Hugh Foster, minister. **TURNER:** The church lost one of its outstanding members recently - Mrs. George Good. While in good health she took an active part in the church activities and was a true friend of the missionaries with an ever ready supply of garments on hand to be given freely. Guy Armstrong, minister - F. C. Stephens, reporter.

OREGON CITY: Lake Grove church edifice is pretty well along - putting in furnace, baptistry, windows and doors. Desperately need volunteer labor and financial help. Loan of $8,000.00 from Board of Church Extension. Now have about $8500.-00 in the building. The church is across from the grade school building at Lake Grove. 7 added by baptism, 1 otherwise. Howard Hutchins, minister. **SALEM — GARDEN ROAD:** Just a year since first services were conducted in this community. Bible School averaging over 100 at present.

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Church membership now 83. Walter Lantz great help on March 7. Using Leadership Training film strips. 4 added by baptism, 5 otherwise. L. H. Camp, minister.

LEBANON: Closed a School of Missions with average Sunday attendance of 135. Since the coming of the Whites all departments of the church are looking up. Bible School averaging about 400, morning worship about 450 and evening services about 200. Evening Training Program for the whole family had its beginning Sunday evening, March 21. This gives 6 evening groups with qualified leadership. Sunday School teachers not permitted to teach in the evening. 2 added by baptism. L. O. White, minister. **THURSTON:** A series of playlets is being presented on Sunday evenings creating much interest and increasing dinner held March 30 was "kick-off" for atendance appreciably. Annual venison pre-Easter Revival. Goal of 50 additions set. 6 added by baptism, 5 otherwise. Chas. Richards, minister.

POWELL BUTTE: New pews will be installed in the new sanctuary for Easter. 20 boys of church basketball team honored by 20 men of the 90 & 9 at a banquet in the Redmond hotel March 22. Merritt Kelsay, basketball coach at Prineville, guest speaker. 2 added by baptism, 2 otherwise. D. L. Penhollow, pastor. **SILVERTON:** School of missions held for 4 Sunday evenings - attendance high. Chas. Addleman, "Mom" Day, Mrs. Jordan and Betty Myers were guest teachers. 2 added by statement. Arthur Bates, minister.

MYRTLE CREEK: Charles Addleman recent guest speaker at Sunday morning service and spoke to church membership Sunday afternoon following the fellowship dinner. Host to the Area 90 & 9 Men's meeting during the month. Pre-Easter Revival planned with the Larry Baird-Brance Edwards evangelistic team beginning April 4. Recently shown the films "Like a Mighty Army," "Where the Bible Speaks, We Speak," and "Where Do Ministers Come From." Two reconsecrations - one of whom is a Baptist minister. Dorsey E. Dent, minister. **ALBANY:** Closed 2 weeks revival March 19 with Elery Parish, McMinnville, leading. Eugene Cecil was song leader. Fine attendance and wonderful spirit. Lester Jones, Albany pastor, will hold an exchange meeting at McMinnville beginning April 4. 2 added by baptism, 2 otherwise.

ROSEBURG: Participated in Sermons from Science series sponsored by Ministerial Association. Capacity crowds in Jr. High auditorium. Guest speakers recently included: John Hill, Korean missionary; Dr. Guy Wright, N.C.C. professor; and Chas. Addleman at 99 Men's meeting. We are one of only two churches in town supporting the Ground Observer program to the extent of being responsible for a 24 hour watch each month. Building indebtednes has been refinanced with 62 notes for $100.00 having been taken by members of congregation thus alleviating recent strain on regular funds. 3 added by baptism, 8 otherwise. R. V. Kleinfeldt, minister.

HEPPNER: S. S. and church attendance above last year. Holding union Wednesday evening services until Easter. Walter Lantz and Loma Mae Jones held 3 day teacher training classes. Earl L. Soward, pastor.

WASCO: Bible School yearly average attenance up from previous year. Recently had Services of Dedication for new classroom unit with afternoon services, potluck dinner and religious movies. Jess Johnson was guest speaker and we had many visitors. Choir is coming along nicely and sang for the special services. Classrooms nearly paid for with no notes signed. 1 added by baptism. Merlin Shields, minister.

AMITY: Began home force meeting April 4. Cut all of next winters wood for church and parsonage. Amity grade school children to have special Good Friday services at church. 5 added by statement. James Matthew Alley. **PORTLAND - ST. JOHNS:** The building is taking on a new look with painting of halls and finishing auditorium floor with asphalt tile. Building fund campaign is underway to complete the amount needed for the construction of the new building. The Beehive Army has started for juniors after school one day a week. The Mountain Climbing contest in the Bible School has boosted attendance during the last six weeks. Classes are helping with the living link support for Betty and Hugh Kafton who are finishing school preparatory to going to the mission fields. 3 added by baptism, 2 otherwise. Jess Johnson, minister.

BEAVERTON: Church was host to district 90 & 9 meeting; 212 men in attendance. Alger Fitch brought the message. Special music was furnished by the Ferrins of Salem. The wiring of the church is completed and new fixtures have been installed in the auditorium. Have purchased adjoining property for future building and expansion of the church. Educational committee is sponsoring a leadership Workshop at Camp Arrah Wanna in April. 1 added by baptism, 2 otherwise. Thomas Courtney, minister.

PORTLAND - FIRST: Series of five sessions on United Nations planned for Wednesday evenings. Looked forward to with fine enthusiasm. Twelfth year of School of Christian Living just concluded. Pronounced outstanding in interest and attendance. James A. Warren, Associate Minister representing Council of Churches on telecast "We Believe" (Koin-TV) every third Sunday at 1:45 P.M. Choir of talented Portland musicians assisting. Oma Lou Meyers counseling elementary divisions of Church School for a 6 week period. Dan B. Genung, pastor of All Peoples Church, and Living Link of this congregation, a recent week-end visitor. Preached at both Sunday services and spoke before CWF. 3 added by baptism, 4 otherwise. Myron C. Cole, minister.

EUGENE - FIRST: Family World Fellowship series closed with flights from the "International Airport" to Japan, Phillippine Islands, Africa and other world centers. There were runways, a control tower, ticket office, curio shops and "Sky-Vue Cafe." On these flights they were briefed on the custom of the land and shown some of the interesting sights. After the "snack" all gathered for an "International Singspiration" and then adjourned to the sanctuary for "All-Nations Worship." The central motif for the flights was a "Rainbow of Hope" to depict our interest, love and sharing with our missionaries, workers and brethren at Ifumo, Belgian Congo, where we support an entire mission station. A "Pot of Gold" at the end of the rainbow received the offering which amounted to $109.46. 9 added by baptism, 9 otherwise. Carroll C. Roberts, minister.

PERRYDALE: Five confessions March 18 in meeting with Arlo B. Bristow, evangelist. Ralph H. Perry, Pastor. **LEXINGTON:** Just completed a meeting with Lawrence Baird, evangelist, resulting in 22 confessions of faith, 20 baptized 4 transfer of membership, 38 reconsecrations and 3 dedicated their lives to full time Christian work. Meeting well attended with good crowds from Heppner and surrounding communities. Bible School attendance Sunday following meeting was 93. Dona E. Barnett, reporter - Lewis Wetzel, minister.

CORVALLIS: Six Sunday evenings on Christian unity were observed leading up to Easter. During the series an informal "Snack" was held at 6:30, followed at 7:00 by a course based on Dr. Howard Elmo Short's book "Christian Unity Is Our Business," and led by Mr. Helseth, minister. From 7:30 to 8:30 ministers of various Corvallis churches presented the beliefs and practices of their denominations. Ministers participating in the series were from the Lutheran, Episcopal, Methodist, Baptist, and Presbyterian Churches. On the final Sunday evening Robert E. Strippel, a member of the congregation who is an ordained minister and directs and YM-YWCA program at Oregon State College, led the discussion on "Our Common Heritage." There was an excellent response to the program both by the congregation and the community. Church host on March 22 to the South Willamette District 90 & 9 Men. Wayne Greene, minister of the First Church in Salem, spoke to an audience of more than 100 men.

CECIL BEVER of Sanger, California, has accepted a call to became minister of the church at Bend. He arrived on the field the first of April.

PENDLETON: Served at host to Interstate 99 Men's meeting, with 150 present. Youth Group visited Hermiston Church on March 7. Donald Payne began his ministry with the church on February 21. Mr. Payne was guest leader for Visitation Evangelism drive at La Grande. 2 added by statement.

The strong man who can bend a horseshoe with his hands isn't as wonderful as the frail little woman who can tie up ten miles of telephone wire with her chin.

What some of us need is more horsepower and not so much exhaust.

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